

City Council Special Meeting

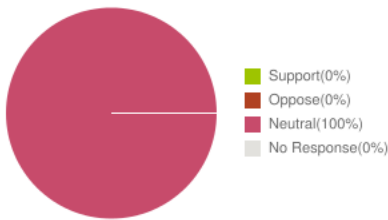
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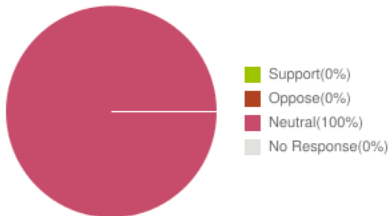
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Tony Higgins

Location:

Submitted At: 10:50am 02-12-24

Dear City Council,

There are several questions that jump out at you regarding the city's staff report that aims to justify further increases in CUP fees for our business community and residents.

First, Hermosa Beach currently charges \$5,900 for a new CUP applications and \$5,197 to amend a CUP.

According to the staff report Redondo Beach currently charges substantially less, \$3,208 for a new cup and \$1,605 to amend a CUP.

Rather than looking at the higher cost city's as a justification to raise CUP fees I hope the City Council asks staff for a detailed analysis of how Redondo Beach can offer these services at a much lower rate.

Redondo offers a CUP amendment at 30% of the cost of Hermosa's and a new CUP at 54% of Hermosa's cost.

Second, it stands to reason that higher CUP fees stymie innovation and a thriving, dynamic business community. Is this factored into the cost equation?

Third, a concrete example. Pedone wanted to amend his CUP to allow delivery company pizza pickup until 3AM.

In the December 12, 2023 meeting the council stipulated this could be done without impacting resident quality of life or public safety but the city denied this request saying other South Bay pizza companies didn't enjoy this benefit.

They also don't have the high rental costs on Hermosa Ave.

If Pedone believes a late night delivery window is needed to help his business and there are no significant resident quality of life impacts or public safety issues why was the councils knee-jerk reaction to deny this request?

Why isn't the council jumping at the opportunity to help a small businesses if there are no significant negative impacts.

And why would it cost Pedone \$5,209 to amend his CUP to use his delivery window for extended hours when it costs \$1,605 for the same amendment application in Redondo Beach?

This just doesn't pass the sniff test.

Thank you
Anthony Higgins